

# cityscene

What's happening in the City of Fairfax

DECEMBER 2020



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## Join a Community Conversation about Racial and Social Equity

**T**he City of Fairfax recognizes strength in diversity. A candid community conversation around the issues of racial and social equity in the city has begun. Residents are invited to participate in thought-provoking conversations that connect the city's past and present to build a more equitable and inclusive future for all city residents, businesses, and visitors.

Evolving views about who and what should be memorialized in public spaces and on public land present an opportunity for the city to examine its nomenclature. Confederate-related street and place names, historical markers and monuments, and elements in the city seal will be discussed in the context of how these symbols reflect the City Council's goals of inclusivity and building community.

City of Fairfax Mayor David Meyer says,

*"This initiative endorsed by the City Council holds great promise for our city residents to engage with each other with respect, compassion, and an openness to learning and gaining a greater understanding of each other. This is an opportunity for all of us to discern what actions we may take to create a preferred future that is inclusive and more just and equitable."*

Working with the George Mason University Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, the city has outlined a process to listen to community voices, engage the community in learning sessions and structured, facilitated discussions. A diverse stakeholder group will review community input and make recommendations to City Council for possible action in 2021.

Topics proposed for community

learning sessions include:

- The city's historical past (Fairfax in the Civil War)
- Context of memorials and individuals
  - The "Lost Cause" and the Memorial Era (c. 1880 - 1930)
  - 1901 Virginia Constitution and Jim Crow laws

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# CITY NEWS

## Holiday information

### December 21-25

**Yard debris collection suspended**

### December 23

General District Court: closed at noon

DMV Select Services: closed at noon

### Christmas Eve, December 24

City government offices: closed at noon

DMV Select Services: closed

General District Court: closed

Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center: closed

Historic Blenheim: closed

CUE Bus: regular schedule until service ends at 7 p.m.

**Refuse and recycling: Thursday and Friday routes collected**

### Christmas, December 25

City government offices: closed

General District Court: closed

Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center: closed

Historic Blenheim: closed

CUE Bus: no service

**Refuse and recycling: no service; Friday routes collected on Thursday, 12/24**

### New Year's Eve, December 31

**Refuse and recycling: Thursday and Friday routes collected**

### New Year's Day: January 1, 2021

City government offices: closed

General District Court: closed

Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center: closed

Historic Blenheim: closed

CUE Bus: no service

**Refuse and recycling: no service; Friday routes collected on Thursday, 12/31**

*Please note: recycling collection may be delayed December 21-24 and yard debris collection may be delayed citywide December 28-31. Please leave items at the curb until they are collected. Information: [RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-7837*

## Real Estate Taxes Due December 7; Payment Options Available

City real estate tax bills are due December 7.

- Property owners who pay real estate taxes directly and have not received a tax bill should call 703-385-7900.
- Residents who receive a real estate tax bill and whose mortgage company escrows the payment should immediately forward the bill to their mortgage company.
- Find e-payment options on the city website (search "tax payment" — or, from the city website home page, under *How Do I...*, click on "Pay Taxes & Bills").

## Pay Real Estate Taxes with Interest-Free Loans

The Treasurer's Office offers interest-free loans for payment of city real estate taxes and personal property taxes. Through the Taxpayer Assistance Program (TAP), taxpayers may borrow \$250 - \$15,000, which is repaid in monthly installments for six to 10 months. Borrowers pay a non-refundable 5 percent application fee, and applications must be

made in-person with the Treasurer's Office.  
Information: [fairfaxva.gov/TAP](http://fairfaxva.gov/TAP), [Treasurer@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:Treasurer@fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-7900

## Don't Bag It! Curbside Leaf Collection Continues Through December 31

Curbside leaf collection continues weekdays through December 31 (excluding holidays). Residents who receive city refuse service are asked to **rake loose leaves to the curb by December 23** for prompt collection. Bagged leaves are not collected during this time.

You may include in leaf piles light yard debris, such as grass clippings and weeds, but not stones, branches, and other large items which may cause injury to workers and damage equipment.

Leaves are collected in rotation by neighborhood about once every two weeks (often more frequently). There is no set collection schedule. Heavy leaf fall, inclement weather, and COVID-19 equipment cleaning protocols may affect leaf collection frequency.

Information: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "leaf collection"), 703-385-LEAF

## Wastewater Lateral Repair Assistance Available

Fairfax City property owners may be eligible to receive financial assistance with the cost of wastewater lateral repairs through the city's Wastewater Lateral Repair Assistance Program. Eligibility is based on demonstrated need and meeting program requirements: substantiation of reasonable cost and city-approved installation that meets city plumbing code requirements. Information: 703-273-6239

Property owners are encouraged to seek sufficient insurance coverage for water and wastewater damage and repairs. Check with your insurance provider for recommendations or referrals. Additionally, Dominion Energy Solutions, Inc., ([dominionenergysolutions.com](http://dominionenergysolutions.com)), a subsidiary of Dominion Energy, offers its customers home warranty services for a monthly fee.

## Reminder: Decals Issued Only in RPPDs

Beginning this year, the city issues decals only for vehicles registered at addresses in Residential Parking Permit Districts (RPPDs). Owners of vehicles registered outside these districts in the city will not receive decals. Information: [Treasurer@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:Treasurer@fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-7900



## CURIOUS CITIZENS



### Why is the city moving away from the style of gas lights used in Old Town?

Gas lighting in Old Town Fairfax, which does not meet any national standard for public sidewalk lighting, elicited concerns regarding the ability of pedestrians to see the sidewalk and other pedestrians, as well as for motorists to see pedestrians. The decision to include LED lighting in the streetscape standards adopted by City Council on July 9, 2019, was made after many years of concerns regarding the low illumination levels and "dark spots" in the Old Town area.

### What are plats, and where can I get mine?

A plat is a surveyor's drawing of a property, its boundaries, and all pertinent structures. Typically, the title company provides the plat of a property during the sales transaction closing process. Virginia state-licensed surveyors prepare property plats. The city does not generate plats, nor does it retain plats for all city properties. Information: [fairfaxva.gov/zoning](http://fairfaxva.gov/zoning), 703-385-7820



Are you a Mason alum with a business in the city? We want to hear from you.

Contact  
[economicdevelopment@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:economicdevelopment@fairfaxva.gov)



## GETTING TO KNOW COUNCILMEMBER JON R. STEHLE, JR.

### Why do you serve on City Council?

My grandfather was a City Councilmember in Butler, Pa., and he came to my third-grade class to talk about serving your local community. I think I have known since then that I wanted to find a way to be involved. My dad is a school board member in Port Allegany, Pa., and I feel incredibly fortunate to continue our family tradition of service.

**What one thing do you want to accomplish during this term?** As I shared on election night in May, we are going to need to work together to find out what it means to live life reconnected as we navigate the phases of recovery. We have already seen that we are not all in the same boat, and everyone will need different types of support to navigate the pandemic safely to shore. I am eager to continue to

find ways to help businesses stay open safely, work with houses of worship to stay engaged with their members, find ways for sports organizations to safely return to play, and work with George Mason University on how we stay connected in this new reality.

**What do you love most about the city?** Our city is comprised of many small communities, and I enjoy working with all of them. When our community organizations, such as the Fairfax Police Youth Club (FYPC) or our civic associations like Fairchester Woods are strong, we as a city are stronger. Halloween was a great example of how our PTAs at Providence and Daniels Run elementary schools can work with our city staff to do awesome events. In our city, the whole is so much bigger than the sum of the parts!



**What is one thing you want people to know about you?** Team sports have always been a key part of who I am. From playing hockey (now old man hockey), to coaching Zoe and Cooper with the Reston Raiders Hockey and FPYC Lacrosse, and cheering on Steph as she coaches Oakton High School Softball, sports are a part of who I am, and who we are as a family.

## COUNCIL REPORTER

**PLEASE NOTE:** summaries have been edited. To read the full Council Reporter, visit [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) and click on "City Meetings."

### COUNCIL ACTIONS OF OCTOBER 13, 2020

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of an award of contract to Crown Construction Service, Inc. in an estimated amount of \$262,363.50 for the Roberts Road drainage improvement project; Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 54, Article III, Division 1, to add a new section pertaining to restrictions on locating, excavating or removal of historical or archaeological resources, relics or artifacts; Introduction of an amended ordinance to ensure the continuity of city government, implementing emergency procedures, modifying public meeting requirements and public practices and procedures in order to address continuity of operations associated with the COVID-19 pandemic disaster; Introduction of an ordinance to amend City Code Chapter 82, Article I, to add a new section granting certain powers to the city manager relating to temporary street and public right-of-way closings.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Public hearing on the George Snyder Trail. (No action taken.)

#### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Reappointed: Jessica A. Russo Revand to the Commission on the Arts, Thomas P. Ross to the Economic Development Authority, Jeffrey Hermann to the Economic Development Authority, and Page Johnson to the Historic Fairfax City, Inc.
- Appointed Diana Gibson to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

### COUNCIL ACTIONS OF OCTOBER 27, 2020

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, consideration of a resolution supporting the "The Julius Rosenwald and Rosenwald Schools Study Act of 2019." (*Councilmember Yi absent*)

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 54 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions) to add a new section pertaining to relic hunting. (*Councilmember Yi was absent.*)
- Approved, unanimously, an amended ordinance implementing emergency procedures to ensure continuity of government and, in particular, to modify public meeting and public practices and procedures to address continuity of operations associated with the COVID-19 pandemic disaster. (*Councilmember Yi was absent.*)
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 82 (Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places) to add a new section pertaining to temporary street/public right-of-way closings. (*Councilmember Yi was absent.*)

### Agendas Available on the City Website

Visit the city's homepage and click on "City Meetings" to read minutes from City Council, School Board, and Planning Commission meetings, and to view proposed agendas for upcoming meetings.



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## City Teen Artists Design New Voting Stickers

Fairfax City voters may be diverse, but they all have one thing in common: they always look forward to receiving the “I Voted” sticker after casting their ballots.

During the November 3 Election, voters received new stickers designed by two Fairfax City residents. **Nathan Fern** of Robinson High School (*pictured, front right*) found inspiration for “I Voted” in the Rotary Clock in Old Town Square. **Sager Clementine Worshek** of Fairfax High School (*pictured, front and center*) helps the “Future Voter” soar with her sticker featuring high-flying red, white, and blue stripes.

On October 8, Mayor David Meyer (*pictured, front left*) presented proclamations to the two students at a socially distanced ceremony on the City Hall Portico. Also present to celebrate voting and art were (*pictured, back, from left*): Wannicha Rojanapradith, deputy registrar; Phyllis Pajardo, Fairfax City Schools superintendent; Carol Caputo, Public Art Committee chair, Commission on the Arts; Rick Herrington, secretary, City of Fairfax Electoral Board; Brenda Cabrera, director of elections/general registrar; and Megan DuBois, Cultural Arts manager.

The contest was sponsored by the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts, Electoral Board, and City of Fairfax Schools. The winners also were recognized during the October 13 City Council meeting.

## Racial and Social Equity

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- Desegregation and Civil Rights
- Past and present realities of racial and social injustice
- The city’s changing demographics and the city’s place within the National Capital Region

A key component of this effort is a new online community engagement platform designed to collect and share ideas, perspectives, and personal stories from a broad cross-section of city residents. Join the conversation at [engage.fairfaxva.gov](https://engage.fairfaxva.gov).



## HELPING HANDS



**PATRICIA ADDISON**

CHAIR, COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

**Describe the relationship between CFW and City Council?** Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and City Council for three-year terms and may subsequently be reappointed. We are charged with advising them on issues related to women and girls.

**How does CFW support girls and women in Fairfax City?** Annually, a high school representative is selected to join the commission and to share a student perspective as we advocate for policies and practices that particularly impact women and girls. For example, we joined others in successfully advocating for girls to have access to complimentary feminine hygiene products at school.

Helping to foster the empowerment of women business owners by partnering with the Economic Development Authority in hosting educational and networking events is another example of our work.

**Why is CFW’s work important to the city?** Helping women and girls to thrive is important to the city’s economy and to the well-being of its citizens.

**What opportunities for women do you see in the city?** I foresee unlimited opportunities for women to set goals and to pursue them. The commission can assist in identifying information and resources. ([fairfaxva.gov/government/human-services/commission-for-women](https://fairfaxva.gov/government/human-services/commission-for-women))

**In your opinion, who is the most important woman in modern history?** To me, the most

important woman in modern history was my mom. Growing up in a small southern town at a time in our history when opportunities for African Americans were extremely limited, my mom was the first in her family to graduate from high school and to leave the family farm seeking more job opportunities. Mom modeled a strong work ethic and perseverance, and she always encouraged my educational pursuits. Each of my degrees is a tribute to her.



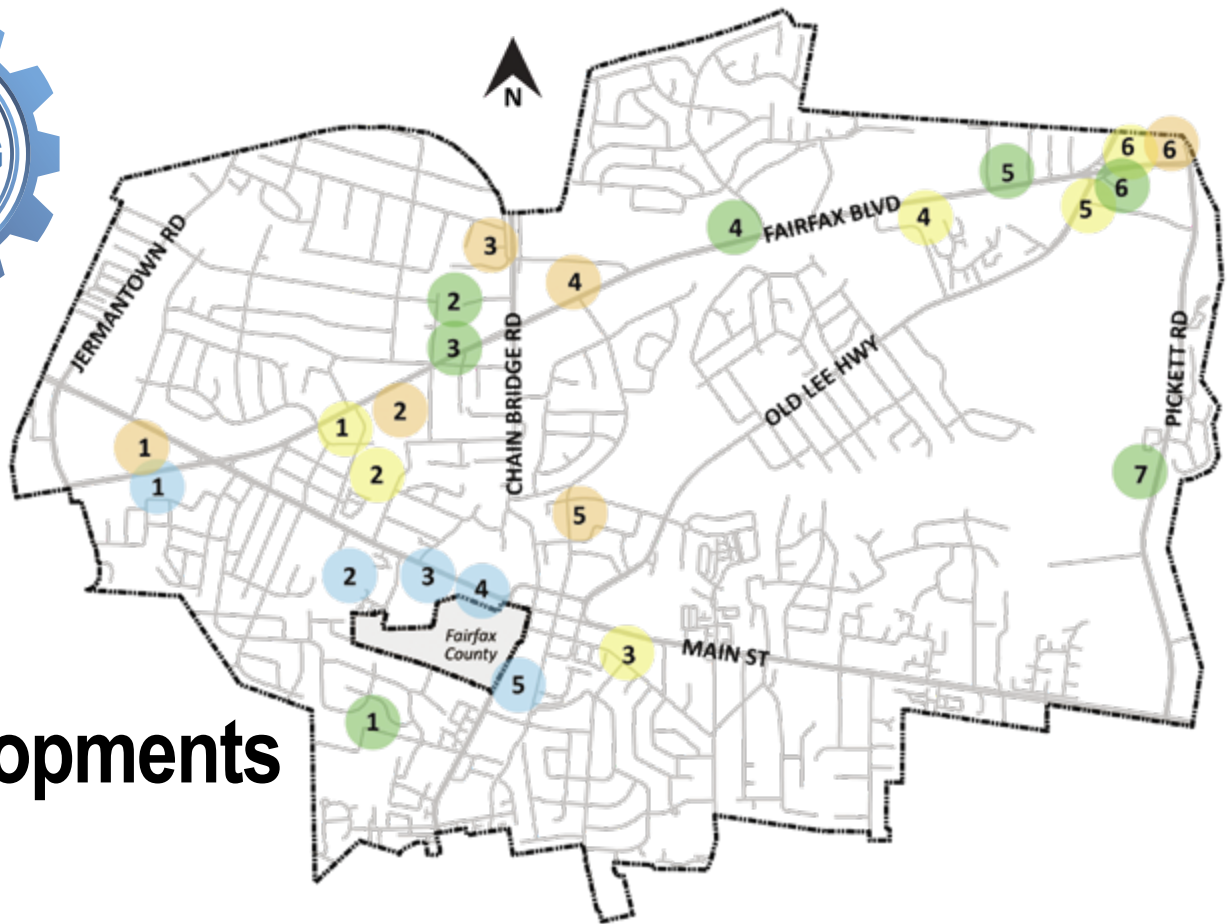
## THE CITY NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU

**Board of Architectural Review** (one vacancy); **Board of Building Code Appeals** (one mechanical or plumbing vacancy); **Board of Zoning Appeals** (one vacancy); **Commission on the Arts** (one vacancy); **Community Appearance Committee** (two vacancies: one city resident, one Garden Club representative); **Economic Development Authority** (one vacancy; for information, email [EconomicDevelopment@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:EconomicDevelopment@fairfaxva.gov)); **Environmental Sustainability Committee** (three vacancies); **Personnel Advisory Board** (one vacancy); **Planning Commission** (one vacancy).

To apply, visit [fairfaxva.gov](https://fairfaxva.gov) and search “boards and vacancies,” or call 703-385-7935.

**How many years have you lived in the city?** I have lived in the city for 18 years. My husband and I moved to the city from Maryland in 2002.

**Why do you serve as a CFW volunteer?** I volunteered to serve on the commission because I wanted to partner with others in helping to address the unique challenges faced by women and girls.



# Major Developments Map

PRE-APPLICATION	UNDER REVIEW	APPROVED	UNDER CONSTRUCTION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Park Road Townhouses</li> <li>2. Fairfax Presbyterian Church</li> <li>3. Demaine Funeral Home</li> <li>4. Fairfax City Center West</li> <li>5. Davies Property</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Breezeway - Pulte Homes</li> <li>2. American Legion Post 177</li> <li>3. Mathy Park</li> <li>4. Anthology of Fairfax</li> <li>5. McDonald's Fairfax Circle</li> <li>6. Dunkin Donuts Fairfax Circle</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. West Drive Homes</li> <li>2. Northfax West</li> <li>3. Brown's Mazda</li> <li>4. Boulevard Marketplace</li> <li>5. Wawa</li> <li>6. 9571 Fairfax Blvd</li> <li>7. Metro Church</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fairfield at Gateway - The Moxley</li> <li>2. Paul VI</li> <li>3. Cobbs Grove</li> <li>4. Point 50 (former Fairfax Shopping Center)</li> <li>5. Capstone Collegiate</li> <li>6. Scout on the Circle</li> </ol>

Every new development and redevelopment proposal in the city goes through a series of reviews to ensure the project is consistent with the city's plans and goals.

- In the *pre-application stage*, a proposal requires the approval of the Planning Commission and/or City Council; the concept has been presented to the city and discussed informally with Planning Commission and/or City Council, or no formal application has been submitted yet.
- *Application Under Review* means the application(s) was accepted by the city and is being processed through a formal review.
- *Approved status* means the application(s) was approved, but may require additional permitting prior to construction.
- Projects listed *Under Construction* have been approved, permits have been issued, and the project is underway.

Use the interactive map online to learn more about projects throughout the city. Visit [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) and search "major development projects."

## FROM THE FRONT LINES

### Preventing Environmental Damage



A public works contractor installed 140 tons of stone along a reach of the north fork of Accotink Creek in Mosby Woods. The project will protect an underground sanitary sewer line that runs adjacent to the stream. The boulders, called riprap in the industry, stabilized the stream-bank and will prevent further erosion.



# Resiliency, Adaptation, and Continuity in 2020

The pandemic has challenged everyone in the City of Fairfax. Family routines, business activities, and government operations all have been disrupted. However, the city has proven to be resilient, adapting to the new normal and finding creative ways to deliver services. Here are some examples of how the city has continued to support residents and businesses.



- Despite limited public access at City Hall, services continue with minimal interruption.
- Essential workers, such as public works crews and public safety personnel, continue to keep the city clean and safe.
- Support for the local business community continues through grants, marketing, relaxed permitting, and the transformation of outdoor spaces into dining areas.
- Recreational programs have adapted to public health protocols, either limiting participation or moving to a virtual environment.

- Outreach to vulnerable populations has increased, including hosting food drives and distributing donated PPE and other supplies.
- CUE Bus fares were suspended to encourage ridership, and buses have been modified to protect both drivers and passengers.
- The city partnered with city schools to create *Connected Care*, a safe place for K-6 students to learn and grow.
- Virtual meeting capability was established to ensure elected officials, staff, and residents can participate in public meetings from the safety of their homes.

## HIGHLIGHTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### HISTORIC RESOURCES

- Received a federal grant to study the use of new technology for preservation and conservation of Civil War soldier graffiti at Historic Blenheim.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

- Partnered with City of Fairfax Theatre Company for a month of outdoor performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- Held wave parades for Easter, Fourth of July, and Labor Day Car Show
- Held Virtual Fall Festival and Holiday Craft Show
- Made more than 240 weekly calls to senior citizens during stay-at-home order.
- Partnered with city schools for Drive-By Pumpkin Patch event
- Provided six weeks of summer camp programming "in a box"

### CITY SCHOOLS

- Fairfax HS had a 96 percent graduation rate
- Lanier MS, Providence ES and Daniels Run ES were recognized by National Wildlife Foundation as Green Flag Eco-Schools

### PUBLIC WORKS

- Modified city-owned buildings and implemented COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Installed a columbarium at the City of Fairfax Cemetery
- Replaced traffic signals at Armstrong Street and George Mason Boulevard
- Completed the first phase of Tusco Branch stream restoration project
- Began transition to LED streetlights
- Vehicle fleet maintenance operation was recognized on list of Top 100 Fleets in the country

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Enhanced cyber security systems
- Launched Fairfax City Resolve to make it easier for the public to report problems

### TRANSPORTATION

- Completed the Chain Bridge Road sidewalk (Rust Curve)

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Earned accredited agency status from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, becoming one of 95 fire departments across the United States to be both internationally accredited and have the Insurance Services Office Class 1 Fire Protection Rating
- New rescue engine placed into service at Fire Station 33.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

- The EDO/EDA implemented 12 Fairfax City ReConnected programs and/or initiatives to assist the business community with recovery efforts. Examples include: awarding Fairfax City ReConnected Grants to nearly 300 local businesses, providing 100 safety kits to businesses, issuing 24 temporary outdoor dining permits to local restaurants, and contributing more than \$23,500 to Fairfax City restaurants via the Feeding Fairfax City's Frontline campaign.





## Fairfax City ReConnected Grants and Winter Preparedness Initiative Micro-Grants

The Fairfax City Economic Development Authority (EDA) in collaboration with the Fairfax City Economic Development Office (EDO) is offering multiple COVID-19 recovery grant programs that are now open to applicants! Learn about the COVID-19 recovery programs, how to apply, and more below.

Fairfax City ReConnected Outdoors – Winter Preparedness Initiative (WPI) provides city restaurants with financial assistance to extend outdoor dining operations during the fall and winter months. The EDO, through the EDA, is committing

a total of \$300,000 for the Fairfax City ReConnected Outdoors – Winter Preparedness Initiative with the anticipation of supporting approximately 100 restaurants. Grant funding will be provided upfront with restaurants receiving a maximum amount of \$3,000. All applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis as funds remain available. To learn more about Fairfax City's Winter Preparedness Initiative and Micro-Grant, visit [fairfaxcityconnected.com/winter](http://fairfaxcityconnected.com/winter).

Fairfax City ReConnected Grant Series 2 provides \$5,000 grants to reimburse city small businesses and nonprofits for COVID-19-related expenses. Series 1 of the program provided more than 150 recipients with \$1 million of CARES Act funding as \$5,000 and \$10,000 grants. The Economic Development Office, through the EDA, is committing a total of \$700,000 for the Fairfax City ReConnected Grant Series 2 program with the anticipation of supporting approximately 140 businesses. All applicants will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis as funds remain available. To learn more about the Fairfax City ReConnected Grant Series 2 program, visit [fairfaxcityconnected.com/series2](http://fairfaxcityconnected.com/series2).



On October 17, City of Fairfax Councilmembers Joe Harmon and Tom Ross, Scouts from Troops 1887 and 1888, the owners of the Northfax West property, and several other volunteers waded into Accotink Creek to collect aquatic wildlife ahead of a redevelopment project. The group used nets and buckets to catch approximately 100 fish, several salamanders, and a crawfish, then transferred them to Daniels Run. The city's Parks and Recreation Department provided the equipment and support for the event.

Northfax West will be redeveloped as a mixed-use development to include townhouses and a senior living facility. City Council approved the proposal on July 14, 2020.



## 5 MINUTES WITH ...

### MICHELLE COLEMAN

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING



**How long have you worked for the city?** I have worked for the city since 1995 (25 years), and it has been my pleasure to work with an organization whose overall mission to provide excellence in public service aligns so well with my professional goals.

**What is the "big picture" of your role?** The "big picture" is that the city has a long-range plan for growth and economic vitality. The plan is implemented through the land use and development standards that comprise the city's Zoning Ordinance.

For example, the zoning regulations inform the public on what areas of the city are appropriate for certain types of residential, commercial and industrial use, and development. These areas are known as zoning districts. Once you know the zoning district for your property, then the Zoning Ordinance provides the standards for the size, height, and location of buildings on your property. The ordinance also stipulates the standards for parking areas, landscaping plantings, and signage to accompany building development.

**What positions have you held within the city?** For the first 10 years, I was a city planner working to present residential and commercial land development proposals during public hearings with the Planning Commission and City Council. Then, in 2006, I accepted the position as Zoning Administrator and now supervise the staff that supports the Board of Zoning Appeals, in addition to administration and enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance regulations.

**Why do you love your job?** The best part of my job is assisting property owners and the business community with understanding the Zoning Ordinance regulations and how the regulations contribute to making the city an attractive, vibrant, and orderly community.

**What should residents know about your department?** The Zoning staff provides the approvals that homeowners need to improve their property with a building addition, driveway, garage, storage structure, or to open a home business. If you are a business owner in the city, the Zoning staff provides the permits needed to open a new business, expand an existing business, and display signs.

**What are some upcoming projects you're most excited about?** The ongoing project that I find most interesting and challenging is finding new ways to improve interactions with the public. This can be done through advancements in our business processes so that we serve the public efficiently and effectively; through refinements to the zoning regulations that make them understandable and responsive to the community's needs; and by actively encouraging and supporting employees to reach their highest potential in delivering excellent public service.

**Why do you love working for the city?** I love the community engagement in the city. Residents and business owners are so passionate about the quality of life in the city, and really strive to take an active role in creating and maintaining an attractive and neighborly place in which to live, work, and play.



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## KEEP WARM AND SAVE MONEY

Detect and address energy loss in your home



Sign up for an energy audit

### Energy Smart Homes program

As the temperature drops, there is nothing better than a warm, cozy home. But if your home is not energy efficient, you may be paying too much for that comfort. The city has partnered with the Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) to offer discounted prices

on home energy assessments. This is the first step to lowering your bills and making your home more comfortable.

A certified Residential Building Analyst will survey your home's energy use and the efficiency of your appliances. The audit will identify sources of cold air leaking in and find places where heat is escaping. Energy audits include free LED lights and insulation for your water heater pipe!

Home energy assessments are only \$45 for owners of single-family houses, row houses, and some types of condos. Free assessments are available for lower income and fixed income households. For households who receive assessments, LEAP can qualify you for rebates on and/or free energy efficiency improvements to lower your utility bills.

Schedule your home energy assessment today! Please visit [energysmarthomesva.org/city-of-fairfax](https://energysmarthomesva.org/city-of-fairfax) or call 434-227-4666.



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## COVID-19 INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

### City of Fairfax

[fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus](https://fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus)

[WeCare@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:WeCare@fairfaxva.gov)

703-385-7800

Text FXCCOVID19 to 888-777 for City of Fairfax-related information and updates (visit [fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus](https://fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus) for email option)

### Fairfax County Health Department

(City's public health services provider)

[fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19](https://fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19)

703-267-3511

Text FFCCOVID to 888-777 for Fairfax Health District information and updates (visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19](https://fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19) for email option)

### Virginia Department of Health

[vdh.virginia.gov](https://vdh.virginia.gov) 877-ASK-VDH3

### CDC, Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention

[cdc.gov](https://cdc.gov)

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